

CHAPTER IV

THE REGISTER OF BIRTHS OF CHARLES PARISH, 1648-1789

In order in fullest measure to make the contents of the Register available for ready reference, the names of all persons whose births are recorded therein have been arranged alphabetically, as in an index.

THESE NAMES THUS ARRANGED DO NOT APPEAR IN THE INDEX, but the names of parents, and of all others except those whose names constitute the alphabetical list are indexed in the usual way.

This plan of publication, it will be readily perceived, presents the material of the register in a form most readily and easily consulted, and reduces the volume of the index by approximately one third; the material is thus not only presented in the most readily accessible arrangement, but in the briefest and most compact form as well.

A few pages in facsimile are presented as illustrations. An examination of these and of the entries therefrom as they are presented in the register as here printed in alphabetical arrangement will enable one to thoroughly understand the method here pursued. All of the material of the register is carefully preserved. No spelling or phraseology is changed, no name or date or other fact is omitted; only the order of the entries has been rearranged so as to permit the presentation of the list of births in alphabetical order.

Perhaps a word should be said at this point as to the old style and the new style of reckoning time, and changes in the calendar, since the registers of Charles Parish were in part kept under both systems.

When these registers began and for a long time thereafter the twenty-fifth of March was the beginning of the year. This was according to the Jewish computation which was observed in England until changed by statute in 1751. (24, George II,

Ch. 23, Sec. 1.). The first of the year was changed to the first of January.

This statutory change in England was made in order to adopt the reformed calendar of Pope Gregory XIII. The Gregorian calendar was known as the New Style. The calendar as adjusted by Julius Caesar, 45 B. C., was called the Julian Calendar, or Old Style.

Most European countries adopted the New Style long before England. For some time after its adoption by England, it was customary as to dates between January 1st and March 25th, to indicate both systems, giving the old date with the new annexed to it, thus: "January 1631/2," but the use of the old style was gradually dropped.

In September, 1752, eleven days were taken out of the calendar in order to make the civil year conform as nearly as possible to the solar year.

There is a good explanation of the whole subject in *Hening's Statutes at Large*, I, 393-395.

Before the alteration of the calendar in 1752, when March 25 was the beginning of the year, it was usual to write the months terminating in "er" thus: September, "7ber," or seventh month; October, "8ber;" November, "9ber," etc.

The entries in the Register of Births, arranged in alphabetical order, as above explained, are as follows:

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Albeitton, Thomas, son of Ralph by Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1682.

[Note: This name may be "Albritton"].

Albritton, Agnes, dau. of Thomas by Agnes, b. March 13, 1707.

Albritton, Benjamin, son of Ralph by Mary, b. July 22, 1700.

Albritton, Edward, son of Ralph by Mary, b. Dec. 17, 1686.

Albritton, James, son of Thomas by Agnes, b. September 17, 1705.

Albritton, John, son of Ralph by Mary, b. Sept. 2, 1688.

Albritton, Ralph, son of Ralph by Mary, b. July 10, 1696.

- Cattillow, Nancy, "bastard child of Martha Cattillow," b. Sept., bap. Oct. 12, 1766.
- Challice, Samuel, son of John and Dorothy, (of Warwick), b. Jan. 28, bap. May 5, 1765.
- Challis, Lucy, dau. of John and Dorothy, b. Dec. 14, 1774, bap. Feb. 19, 1775.
- Challis, Mary, dau. of John and Dorothy, b. June 14, bap. Aug. 25, 1771.
- Challis, Wm. Wager, son of John and Dorothy, (of "Warw^k.") b. March 14, bap. May 9, 1756.
 [Note: Following this entry is the notation: "Ret^a. to the Secretary's office May 10, 1756."]
- Chapman, Ann, dau. of John by Elizabeth, b. Oct. 8, [1698].
- Chapman, Elizabeth, dau. of Walter by Ann, b. Feb. 11, 1678.
- Chapman, Elizabeth, dau. of John by Elizabeth, b. Dec. 28, 170[9].
- Chapman, John, son of Waller by Ann, b. Feb. 24, 1674.
- Chapman, John, son of John by Elizabeth, b. Jan. 24, 1701.
- Chapman, Walter, son of Walter by Ann, b. March 8, 1676.
- Chapman, Walter, son of John by Elizabeth, b. Oct. 19, 1707.
- Chapman, William, son of John by Elizabeth, b. Aug. 31, 1700.
- Chapman, William, son of John by Elizabeth, b. Jan. 13, 170[4].
- Chappel, Ann, dau. of Robert by Hannah, b. Jan. 2, 170[3].
- Chappel, Joseph, son of Sacrid by his wife, b. April 20, 170[8].
 [Blank space left for wife's name, in original].
- Chappell, Alice, dau. of Robert by Hannah, b. Dec. 13, 1690.
- Chappell, John, son of Sacra, by Elizabeth, bap. June 18, 1693.
- Chappell, Richard, son of Robert by Hannah, bap. June 18, 1693.
- Chappell, Robert, son of Zacharias of Denbeigh Parish, bap. Dec. 5, 1671.
- Chisman, Ann, dau. of Thomas by Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1692.
- Chisman, Anna, dau. of John by Mary, b. March 15, 1730, bap. Apr. 4, 1731.